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SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND RELATED TAX PRACTICES:
PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH GATT SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL IN
PARA 2 REFTEL THAT CHAIRMAN ALONE DETERMINES PROCEDURES
WITH PARTIES. SECRETARIAT NOTES THAT WHILE IT QUITE
APPROPRIATE FOR PARTIES TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES WITH CHAIR-
MAN IN ADVANCE, CHAIRMAN AS ONE OF FIVE MEMBERS OF
PANELS COULD NOT DETERMINE PROCEDURES ALONE. SECRETARIAT
ALSO DOUBTS THAT MARISDASON IN ANY EVENT WOULD BE WILLING
TO DO SO.

2. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE AND OUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN
PARA 4 OF REFTEL EC POINT THAT PROCEDURES IS A PRE-
ROGATIVE OF PANELS, WE PROPOSE THAT PARA 1 OF PROPOSED
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PROCEDURES BE CHANGED TO READ QUOTE THE PROCEDURAL RULES

OF THE PANELS SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE PANELS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PARTIES. UNQUOTE. REQUEST REPLY ASAP; WE DELAYING SUBMISSION PROPOSED PROCEDURES TO EC UNTIL WE HEAR FROM WASHINGTON ON THIS POINT.

3. SECRETARIAT AS NORMAL PRACTICE PAYS COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF PRIVATE MEMBERS AS WELL AS ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. OF COURSE TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS AS WELL AS PARTICIPATION OF SECRETARIAT IN PANEL'S WORK ARE OF COURSE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY PANELS.

4. WE HAVE INFORMED EC AND GATT SECRETARIAT OF OUR ACCEPTANCE OF MARIADASON AS CHAIRMAN AND THEY BOTH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION. SECRETARIAT MOVING AHEAD PROMPTLY TO GET PANELS SET UP. ABRAMS

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